In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 20. The claims are as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A method for tracking computer-related assets, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a new asset of said assets at a central site, said assets being moveable between a plurality of sites only by being routed through said central site and not being moveable directly from a first site to a second site of the plurality of sites, each asset of said assets being independently selected from the group consisting of a computer hardware asset and a computer software asset;

assigning a unique identifier to each said asset;

recording the location of said asset with respect to said central site in an electronic database; and on each movement of said asset:

recording exit of the asset from the current site in said database;

recording an intended destination site in said database; and

verifying entry of the asset at the destination site, being a new current location, in said database.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 2, comprising the further steps of:

for each asset, recording configuration information relevant to that asset on said database;

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and

on each configuration of a said asset at said central site, updating said configuration

information on said database.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said configuration information of said

assets comprises an IP (Internet Protocol) address.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the further step, occurring upon return of an asset

to said central site, of determining whether said asset should be retained, and thus stored for

further use, or withdrawn from use.

8. (Previously presented) A method for tracking computer-related assets, the method comprising

the steps of:

receiving a new asset of said assets at a central site, said assets being moveable between a

plurality of sites only by being routed through said central site and not being moveable directly

from a first site to a second site of the plurality of sites, each asset of said assets being

independently selected from the group consisting of a computer hardware asset and a computer

software asset;

assigning a unique identifier to each said asset;

recording the location of said asset with respect to said central site in an electronic

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database; and

recording configuration information relevant to each asset on said database; and

on each movement of said asset:

recording exit of the asset from the current site in said database;

recording the intended destination site in said database; and

verifying entry of the asset at the destination site, being a new current location, in

said database.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein, upon each reconfiguration of an asset at the central

site, said configuration information is updated in said database.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said configuration information of said

assets comprises a software configuration.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A tracking system for computer-related assets, comprising:

an electronic database for storage of current and intended location information relating to

said assets, said assets being moveable between a plurality of sites only by being routed through a

central site and not being moveable directly from a first site to a second site of the plurality of

sites, each asset of said assets being independently selected from the group consisting of a

computer hardware asset and a computer software asset; and

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a central receiving and storage site where new assets are received and stored, and where

assets returning from other sites are stored, said central site having data entry means, linked to

said database in which a unique identifier assigned to each said asset is stored and, upon a

movement of a said asset, by which exit or entry of the asset is recorded such that both the

respective current and intended location information is updated in said database.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The tracking system of claim [[14]] 13, wherein said database stores,

for each asset, configuration information relevant to that asset, and said data entry means further

updates said database records upon each configuration of an asset.

16. (Original) The tracking system of claim 15, wherein said configuration information includes

hardware configuration, software configuration and IP address.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A tracking system for computer-related assets, comprising:

an electronic database for storage of current and intended location information relating to

said assets, said assets being moveable between a plurality of sites only by being routed through a

central site and not being moveable directly from a first site to a second site of the plurality of

sites, each asset of said assets being independently selected from the group consisting of a

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computer hardware asset and a computer software asset; and

a central receiving and storage site where new assets are received and stored, and where assets returning from other sites are stored, said central site having data entry means, linked to said database in which a unique identifier assigned to each said asset and configuration information of each said asset is stored and, upon a movement of a said asset, by which exit or entry of the asset is recorded such that both the respective current and intended location information is updated in said database.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) The tracking system of claim [[19]] 18, further comprising indicia, containing said unique identifier, affixed to each said asset.

21. (Original) The tracking system of claim 20, wherein said database stores, for each asset, configuration information relevant to that asset, and said data entry means further updates said database records upon each configuration of an asset.

22. (Original) The tracking system of claim 21, wherein said configuration information includes hardware configuration, software configuration and IP address.

23. (Canceled)

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24. (Previously presented) A computer program product, carried on a storage medium, for the tracking of computer-related assets, between a central site and a plurality of sites, comprising:

first program means to record a unique identifier for each said asset, said assets being moveable between said plurality of sites only by being routed through said central site and not being moveable directly from a first site to a second site of the plurality of sites, each asset of said assets being independently selected from the group consisting of a computer hardware asset and a computer software asset;

second program means to record the location of an asset;

third program means to record exit from a current site;

fourth program means to record an intended destination; and

fifth program means to verify entry of an asset being moved at the destination site, whereupon said second program means updates the current location of the asset.

25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 24, further comprising:

sixth program means to record and update configuration information for each asset being tracked.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer software.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer hardware.

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28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein on each movement of said asset the method further comprises faxing a delivery summary from the central site to the intended destination for said asset prior to said exit of said asset from the central site, said delivery summary comprising advance notification that said asset is to be delivered to said intended destination.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein after arrival of said asset at said intended destination the method further comprises installing and testing said asset at said intended destination.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer software.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer hardware.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein on each movement of said asset the method further comprises faxing a delivery summary from the central site to the intended destination for said asset prior to said exit of said asset from the central site, said delivery summary comprising advance notification that said asset is to be delivered to said intended destination.

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33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein after arrival of said asset at said intended destination the method further comprises installing and testing said asset at said intended destination.

34. (Previously presented) The tracking system of claim 13, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer software.

35. (Previously presented) The tracking system of claim 13, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer hardware.

36. (Previously presented) The tracking system of claim 18, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer software.

37. (Previously presented) The tracking system of claim 18, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer hardware.

38. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer software.

39. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein at least one asset of said assets consists of computer hardware.

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40. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 25, wherein said configuration information of said assets comprises a software configuration.

41. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 25, wherein said configuration information of said assets comprises an IP (Internet Protocol) address.

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